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A Celebration of Reconciliation



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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18] All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

At Taylor University, we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by celebrating our reconciliation with God and one another.

Rev. Gardner C. Taylor

Chapel, January 15, 10:00 am

Senior pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Taylor is one of the most acclaimed preachers in our day. In 1980, TIME



magazine named him "the dean of the nation's black preachers." The Christian Century has dubbed him the "poet laureate of American Protestantism."

In a 1996 Baylor University study, he was named as one of the "Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World." Dr. Taylor is the author of The Words of Gardner Taylor, Volume 1: NBC Radio Sermons, 1959-1970; The Words of Gardner Taylor, Volume 2: Sermons from the Middle Years, 1970-1980; The Words of Gardner Taylor, Volume 3: Quintessential Classics,

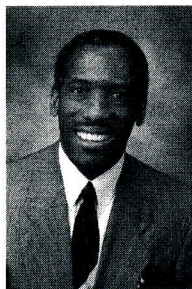
1980-Present; and Essential Taylor audio cassette and CD resources. In 2000, Rev. Taylor received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Dr. Richard Allen Farmer

Vespers, January 19, 7:00 pm

Chapel, January 20, 10:00 am

Richard Allen Farmer, born in New York City and having lived there most of his life, now resides in Dallas, Texas with his wife Rosemary and son, Timothy.



A graduate of Nyack College where he earned the Bachelor of Music degree (1975) and Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned the Master of Divinity degree (1980), The Reverend Farmer has been awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Gordon College in 1986 and the honorary Doctor of Sacred Theology degree by Houghton College in 1999.

An experienced pastor and college chaplain, Dr. Farmer has served as Senior Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Pittsburgh (1980-1988) and as Dean of the Chapel at both Gordon College (1988-1992) and Taylor University (1999-2002).

Dr. Farmer spends most of his time in a church renewal ministry that uses expository preaching and music to stimulate the worldwide body of followers of Jesus the Christ, one group at a time.

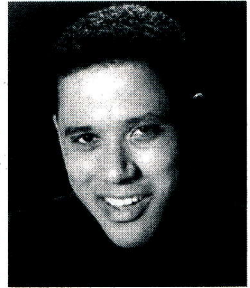
Robert Sims

Performing Artist Series

January 20, 2003, 8:15 pm Mitchell Theater

Robert Sims, the Gold Medal winner of the ENMARK American Traditions Competition, has been described by critics as having a "rich, luxuriant tone," "energetic performance" and a "convincing stage presence."

He has been noted for his interpretations of African American Spirituals and has given recitals of Spirituals throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. Most recently, he has taken his Spiritual concerts to the Smithsonian Institute, the Chicago Cultural Center and has appeared with the Chicago Sinfonietta and the Savannah Symphony Orchestras.



Mr. Sims received his Bachelor of Music from Oberlin Conservatory, his Master's Degree in Opera Theater from the State University of New York at Binghamton, an Artist Diploma from Northwestern University, and a performance certificate from the Rossini Conservatory in Italy.

History of MLK Day at Taylor University

2003 marks the tenth annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Taylor University. As originally conceived by students, our observance unites the campus in a singular focus for a day of common learning.

During the spring semester of 1992, the Taylor University Student Senate put forward a plan to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to recognize the ideals that he so nobly championed. The students envisioned the setting aside of this day-the national holiday named in his honor-for the study of reconciliation, social justice, and the continuing legacy of the person and work of Dr. King. The Taylor faculty embraced the students suggestion and voted to incorporate the King holiday into the university calendar as a special day of remembrance, reflection and commitment.

This day of celebration reflects our emphasis on both Dr. King's life and the ongoing challenge of his message of reconciliation and justice based on the actualization of Christian love. As the United States enters a new century that will provide new challenges in terms of unity in the midst of diversity, we believe that reflection on Dr. King's life and message is crucial as we search for ways to live out the Gospel in contemporary society.

MLK Day Events for Monday, January 20

10:00-11:30 Chapel

Dr. Richard Allen Farmer and Robert Sims will be among the special guests in this community worship service.

1:00 – 2:00 Workshops

Muslims and Christians Alex Agha-Khan, Rupp 203/205

Alex was born and raised in a typical third world Islamic country. He grew up in a Muslim family who regularly practiced their faith. Alex practiced his faith (Islam) for almost forty years of his life. He came to the US as an adult in his late twenties. He has been married to a (Christian) American woman for the past twenty years. He is a US military veteran. Within the past five years, Alex has come to know the Lord Jesus, and his life has been radically transformed since. He was called into ministry a year and a half ago and currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Storytelling for Children Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Mitchell Theater

Join Dr. Farmer as he entertains local school children with his unique storytelling ability.

Reports from the

National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference

Taylor Students, Recital Hall

This year, a select group of Taylor University students joined with more than 300 other Christian students from all over the country for the 16th annual NCMSLC conference at Bethel College. Students were challenged to embrace diversity through our unity at the cross of Jesus Christ. Armed with new perspectives, and with a desire make an impact on the university community, students will speak about how attitudes, hearts and actions can be changed.

2:15 – 3:15 Workshops

History of the Civil Rights Movement Dr. Steve Messer, Rupp 222

Dr. Messer has taught classes on the history of the Civil Rights Movement, including a tour of landmarks of the movement in the South. Join him for a brief overview of this vital period on the history of the United States.

Experiences in Reconciliation Taylor Students, Recital Hall

There are encouraging stories of strong relationships between Muslims and Christians. This one hour workshop will provide an opportunity to hear about friendships and positive interaction between Christians and Muslims, presented by Taylor students with firsthand experience.

MLK Essay Contest Winners Rupp 203/205

Winners of this contest will present their essays, which won them a cash prize. Essays were submitted in two categories—from Taylor students and from local high school students.

3:30 Art Exhibit and Reception Rupp Center lobby